Harry's legend began in 1934, when he helped lead the 83-day West Coast longshoremen's strike. This action remains a watershed moment in the history of the worker's movement in the United States. What was accomplished not only reverberated in San Francisco and up and down the West Coast, but eventually all across the country. Prior to this time, working conditions along America's waterfronts were deplorable. The men worked hard, for very little pay and often in very dangerous conditions. Under Harry's leadership, this changed. The strike brought employers to the table. As a result, dock workers and seamen were finally able to work with a measure of pride and security.

What began as an insurgent labor movement in 1934 eventually grew into the International Longshore and Warehouse Union or ILWU. Under Harry's guidance, the ILWU helped lead the way in the fight for workers' rights and forms of social justice in the United States and around the globe. The Union stood steadfast against fascism during the 1930's and 40's. During the war it protested the detention of Japanese-Americans. It was one of the first unions to be thoroughly racially integrated. It fought McCarthyism and the communist witch hunts and blacklists. Harry and the ILWU spoke out early and loudly against apartheid in South Africa. And the list goes on. Wherever Harry sensed injustice he responded instinctively to correct it.

Harry was a native Australian, but he made San Francisco his home. Here he is remembered as a hero. Many credit his vision and passion as a guiding force behind the City's compassion, tolerance and political progressiveness.

Two years ago the San Francisco Port Authority officially named the new Ferry Building plaza the Harry Bridges Plaza. It was a fitting tribute to a man who did so much to transform the waterfront. Efforts are currently underway to further honor Harry and his memory through the construction of a monument on the plaza.

Harry was truly one of a kind. Simply put, he cared enough to make a difference. Although he passed away over ten years ago, he and his memory continue to live on in the hearts of those who knew him and who continue to be inspired by his example.●

TRIBUTE TO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ROCHESTER COUNCIL #2048

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the Knights of Columbus Council #2048 of Rochester, NH, on the creation of the successful Future Unlimited Banquet Program. Future Unlimited is an annual event which recognizes the Valedictorians and Salutatorians from eight high schools in the Seacoast region of New Hampshire.

The eight high schools represented in the program include: St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Berwick, ME, Dover High School, Somersworth High School, Farmington High School, Nute High School, Alton High School, Kingswood Regional High School and Spaulding High School.

I commend the Knights of Columbus Rochester Council for their recognition of the scholastic achievements of the high school seniors in the Seacoast region. As a former schoolteacher, I applaud the efforts of the Knights of Columbus for rewarding students who have established goals and high standards of excellence in their academic, extracurricular and civic endeavors.

The Knights of Columbus Rochester Council #2048 have served the citizens of Rochester and our state with pride and honor. The young men and women in the Seacoast region are blessed to have the encouragement and support of an organization which recognizes the qualities of hard work, perseverance and dedication. It is truly an honor and a privilege to represent them in the U.S. Senate.

IN HONOR OF PATRICK BENTON

• Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Patrick Benton. I have had the good fortune of having Patrick as part of my staff since 1994, and I would like to thank him for all his hard work in his efforts on behalf of the people of South Dakota. Patrick is heading off to Colby College in September, and I have no doubt that our loss is their great gain.

While in high school, Patrick organized and led a student rally to save the Rapid City School District counselors who were in jeopardy of losing their jobs. Patrick represented South Dakota on a trip to Japan as part of the Sony student project abroad. Patrick began work as an intern in my Rapid City Office in mid 1998, and eventually joined my staff full time in November of that same year. In September 1999, Patrick moved to Washington, DC, and has been a critical part of my staff ever since.

Patrick has always been wise beyond his years, and he has built up the trust and confidence of the entire staff. Patrick has worked his way up to a Research Assistant position, and has been an invaluable resource in handling matters related to banking, telecommunications, labor, campaign finance reform, election reform, federal employees and the Postal Service. He has mastered a vast amount of technical knowledge in all of these areas. When people find out Patrick is on his way to college, they can't figure out how someone with such knowledge and judgment can possibly be only 19 years old.

While we will sorely miss Patrick, I join with my entire staff and my wife, Barbara, in expressing our pride in Patrick's achievement and promise, and our thanks for his years of service to South Dakota. However Patrick chooses to apply his formidable intellect and talents, we will all be the better for it.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting nominations which were referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:25 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 271. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey a former Bureau of Land Management administrative site to the city of Carson City, Nevada, for use as a senior center.

H.R. 427. An act to provide further protections for the watershed of the Little Sandy River as part of the Bull Run Watershed Management Unit, Oregon, and for other purposes.

H.R. 451. An act to make certain adjustments to the boundaries of the Mount Nebo Wilderness Area, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1892. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for the acceptance of an affidavit of support from another eligible sponsor if the original sponsor has died and the Attorney General has determined for humanitarian reasons that the original sponsor's classification petition should not be revoked.

H.R. 2137. An act to make clerical and other technical amendments to title 18, United States Code, and other laws relating to crime and criminal procedure.

H.R. 2215. An act to authorize appropriations for the Department of Justice for fiscal year 2002, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the bill (S. 468) to designate the Federal building located at 6230 Van Nuys Boulevard in Van Nuys, California, as the "James C. Corman Federal Building," without amendment.

The message further announced that the House has passed the bill (S. 1190) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to rename the education individual retirement accounts as the Coverdell education savings account, without amendment.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 451. An act to make certain adjustments to the boundaries of the Mount Nebo Wilderness Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1892. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for the